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Toward an Ethics of Belonging

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Friday, March 1, 2024
5-7 p.m.

Reception with cash bar 5 p.m.

Talk begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Science Commons Atrium
& BMO Auditorium**

Free. Everyone welcome.
No RSVP required.

The F.E.L. Priestley Lecture Series proudly welcomes Agnes Tam to the University of Lethbridge to present, *Toward an Ethics of Belonging*.

In the age of migration, many societies are grappling with a crisis of belonging. Not only do immigrants and minorities feel alienated from their community, but even the majority feels disoriented in their homeland. What's the missing social glue? Many philosophers have argued that the cement of a society is a social contract, and that civil debates can help define the right terms. In this lecture, Professor Tam challenges this conventional view, arguing instead that the social glue is the bond of history. To create this bond, she emphasizes the pressing need for stories, ethical and artful ones.

Agnes Tam is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Calgary and the 2023-4 Applied Ethics Fellow of the Calgary Institute for the Humanities. Her empirically-informed work on how community is the main driver of progress has been published in *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Analyse & Kritik* and edited volumes with Oxford University Press and Routledge, and more is forthcoming in *Analysis* and *Standard Encyclopedia Entry* (with Margaret Meek Lange).

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